Camp, Gund, Kashmir.

28th August 1918

My dear Mr.Venkatkrishnayya,

I have received your letter of 9/10th Instant and the enclosed Memorial and have laid the same before H.H. the Maharaja.

In reply I am directed to say that His Highness feels every sympathy with you in the position in which you find yourself placed but regrets that he cannot see his way to in - terfere with the decision of the Committee to retire you on pension. His Highness feels sure you yourself realise that you have reached an age at which you can no longer expect to be retained in the position of Head Master of an important and growing Institution like the Marimallappa's High School which would tax the energies of a man in the prime of life.

As regards your pension I am to point out that the finances of Marimallappa's Endowment do not presumably admit of the sum which you ask for being granted as a pension. Nor does it seem possible to comply with your request that an enhanced pension should be granted to you and that the extra amount should be made chargeable to the grant-in-aid paid by Government. There is no precedent for granting such a request. At the same time I am to assure you that His Highness is pre - pared to consider after your retirement and as an entirely separate matter the advisability of granting you a special pension from Government Funds as a sort of Civil List Pension in recognition of your long and devoted service to the High School and the Public.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/ Mirza M Ismail.

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